

32. The process according to Claim 19, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 20 % to about 50 % upon elongation of between about 80 % and about 100 %.

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33. The process according to Claim 23, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 20 % to about 50 % upon elongation of between about 80 % and about 100 %.

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6 and 9-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 have been canceled. The newly added claims are fully supported by the original disclosure, drawings and original appended claims. No new matter has been introduced. Examination is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND NEW CLAIMS:

The above amendments to pages 1 and 3 of the specification have been previously approved by the Examiner. The above changes to page 6, lines 3, 4 and 7 are similar to changes previously approved by the Examiner, except that the change at page 6, line 7 now provides an alternative way of describing the modified shuss by stating that the "actual, lateral/shuss ribbon length may be defined as being at least 10% greater in length than the calculated lateral/shuss ribbon length", which is synonymous with the original language in the specification "a modified or actual lateral/shuss length that is 110% of a calculated lateral/shuss length." Therefore, the change

to page 6, line 7 does not constitute new matter.

The specification has also been amended at page 8 by describing the data of Figure 6 by projecting a grid defined by the % Shrinkage and % Elongation indicia on the x-y axes of Figure 6. Since the insertion to page 8, line 16, is expressly shown in the x-y plot of Figure 6, no new matter has been added to the specification.

New Claims 16, 17, 21-22 and 26-32 recite shrinkage and elongation values obtained from the projected grid of Figure 6 and the shrinkage vs. elongation curve.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is not taught or suggested by the references of record considered by the Examiner, and therefore the application is in condition for allowance.

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AUTHORIZATIONS:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, including any extension of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1874-4014US2.

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